



Read it yourself with Ladybird



# THE TALE OF JEMIMA PUDDLE~DUCK



Level

2

*Based on the original tale by*  
**BEATRIX POTTER**





# Note to parents, carers and teachers

*Read it yourself* is a series of modern stories, favourite characters and traditional tales written in a simple way for children who are learning to read. The books can be read independently or as part of a guided reading session.

Each book is carefully structured to include many high-frequency words vital for first reading. The sentences on each page are supported closely by pictures to help with understanding, and to offer lively details to talk about.

The books are graded into four levels that progressively introduce wider vocabulary and longer stories as a reader's ability and confidence grows.

## Ideas for use

- Begin by looking through the book and talking about the pictures. Has your child heard this story before?
- Help your child with any words he does not know, either by helping him to sound them out or supplying them yourself.
- Developing readers can be concentrating so hard on the words that they sometimes don't fully grasp the meaning of what they're reading. Answering the puzzle questions on pages 30 and 31 will help with understanding.

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**Level 2** is ideal for children who have received some reading instruction and can read short, simple sentences with help.

## Special features:

Frequent repetition of main story words and phrases

Short, simple sentences

Jemima Puddle-duck lived on a farm.  
She wanted to make a nest and hatch her eggs, but the farmer's wife took her eggs away.



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"I am looking for a good, safe place to hatch my eggs," said Jemima. "The farm is not safe."

"I can help you," said the gentleman. "My shed is a safe place to make a nest. You can hide in there."



Careful match between story and pictures

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# The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck



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by Beatrix Potter





Jemima Puddle-duck  
lived on a farm.

She wanted to make  
a nest and hatch her eggs,  
but the farmer's wife took  
her eggs away.







Jemima Puddle-duck  
tried to hide her eggs  
on the farm, but the  
farmer's wife took her  
eggs away again.







One day, Jemima left  
the farm to lay some  
eggs where she knew  
the farmer's wife  
could not find them.







Jemima Puddle-duck  
went to a wood.

The wood looked like a  
good place to make her  
nest and lay some eggs.







In the wood, Jemima  
looked for a safe place  
to lay her eggs.

But there was a gentleman  
in the wood.

“Where are you going?”  
said the gentleman.







“I am looking for a good, safe place to hatch my eggs,” said Jemima. “The farm is not safe.”

“I can help you,” said the gentleman. “My shed is a safe place to make a nest. You can hide in there.”







Jemima liked the shed.  
She made a nest and  
laid her eggs.

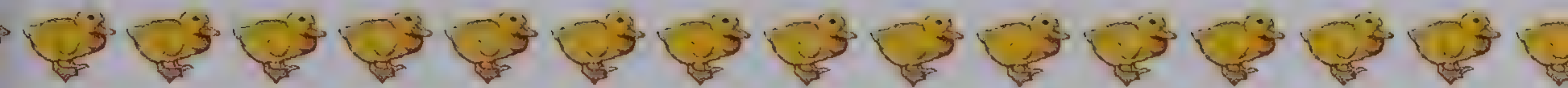






One day, the gentleman said to Jemima, “Would you like to have dinner with me? Go back to the farm to get some herbs and then we can have dinner.”





Jemima saw a dog  
on the farm.

“I am going to have  
dinner with a gentleman,”  
she said.



But the dog knew that the  
gentleman was a fox.  
He went to get some other  
dogs to help.





Jemima went back  
to the shed.

The gentleman said,  
“Come to my house when  
you have seen to the eggs,  
and we will have dinner.”





When Jemima was safe in  
the shed with her eggs,  
the dogs ran to the  
gentleman fox's house.



The fox saw the dogs  
coming and ran away.  
He did not come back.



The dogs took Jemima  
Puddle-duck back to the  
farm. She made a safe nest  
and laid her eggs. These  
eggs did hatch!





How much do you remember about

The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck?

Answer these questions and find out!

● Why does Jemima  
leave the farm?

● Who does Jemima meet  
in the wood?

● Where does the gentleman  
fox say Jemima can lay  
her eggs?

● Who takes Jemima  
back to the farm?



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Look at the pictures and match them  
to the character names.

Jemima Puddle-duck

gentleman fox

farmer's wife

dog

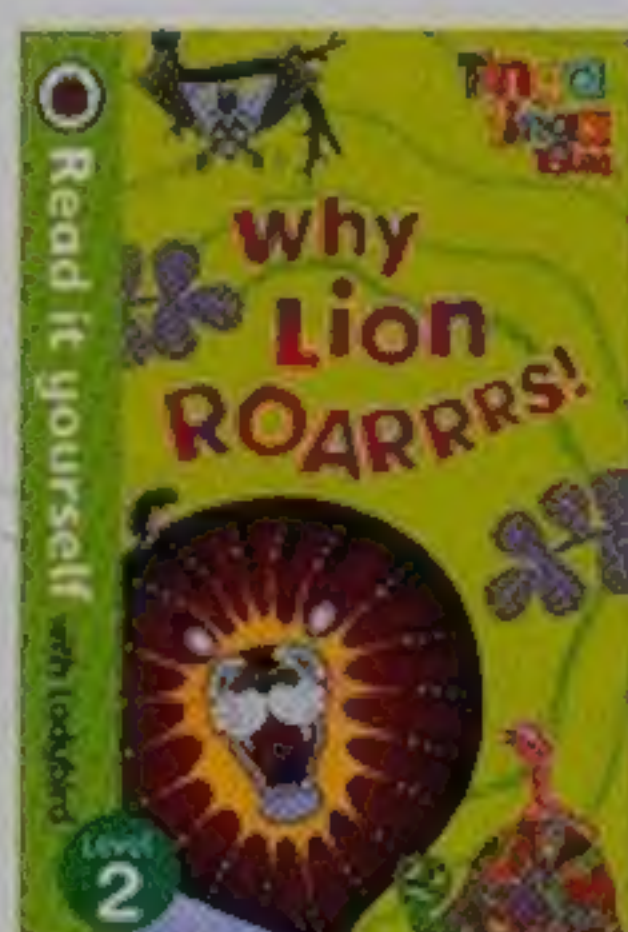
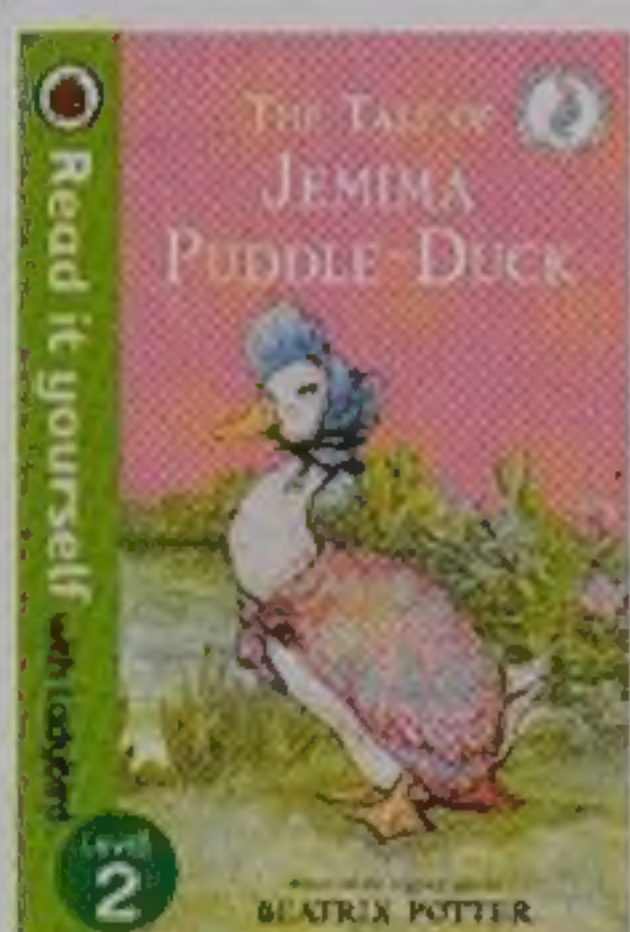
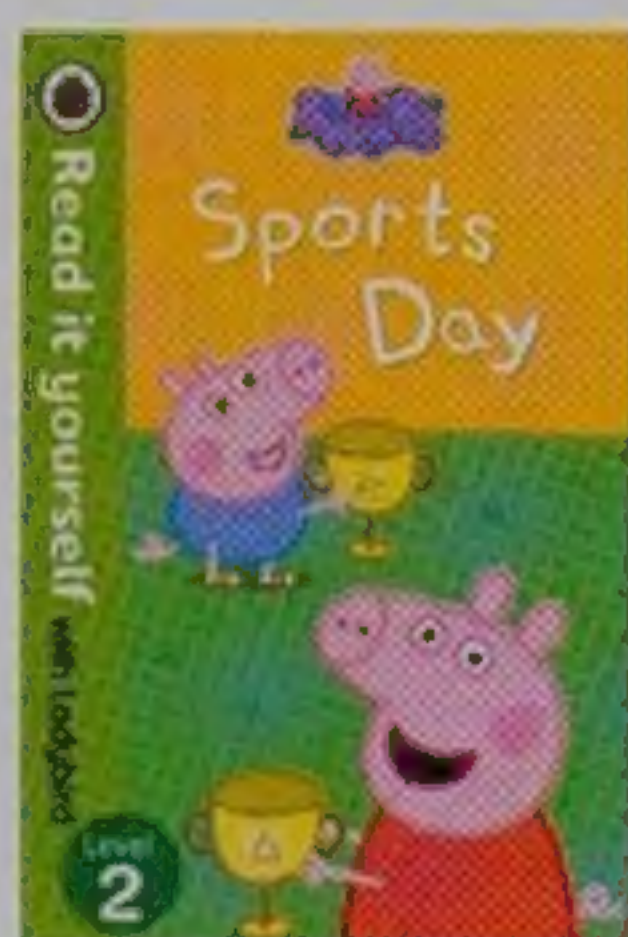
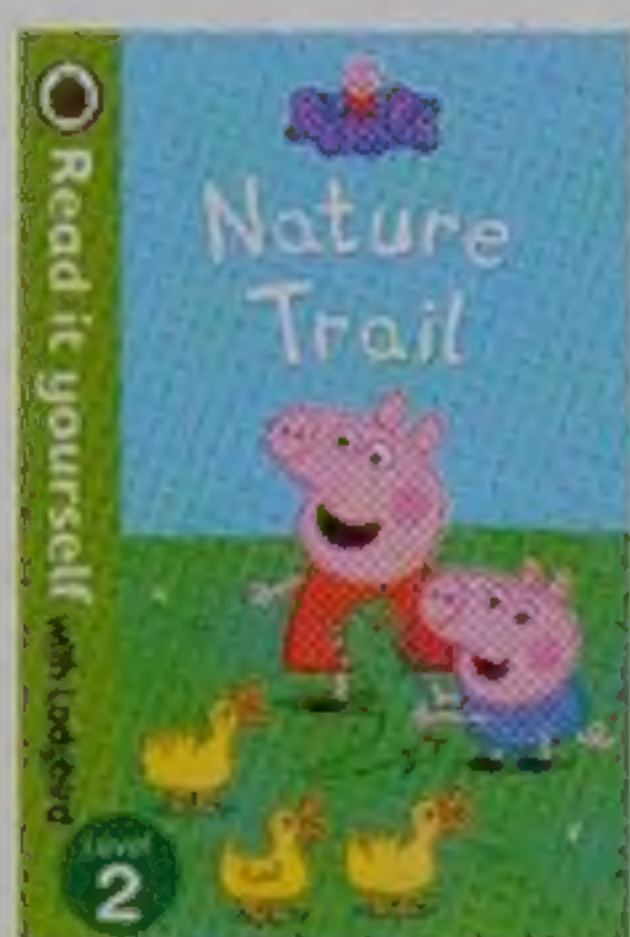
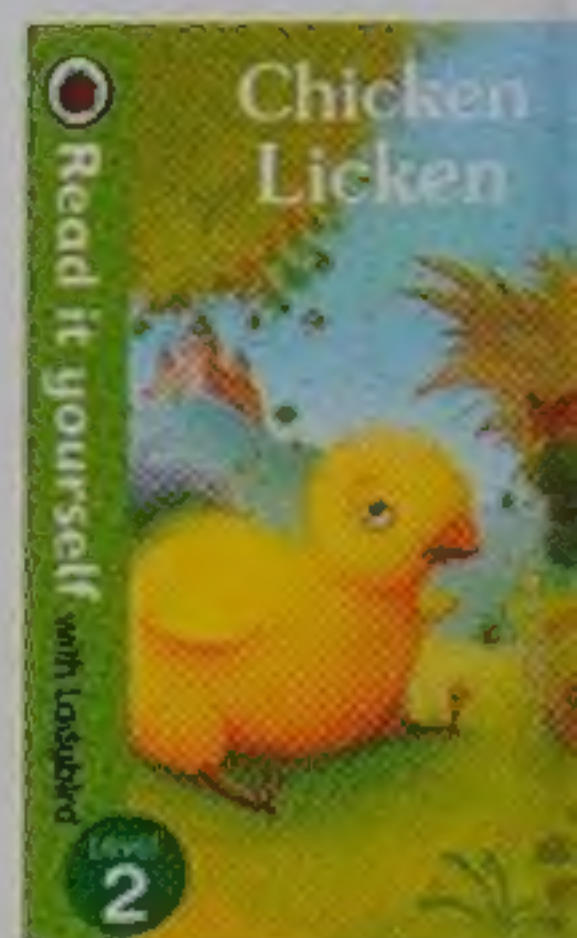


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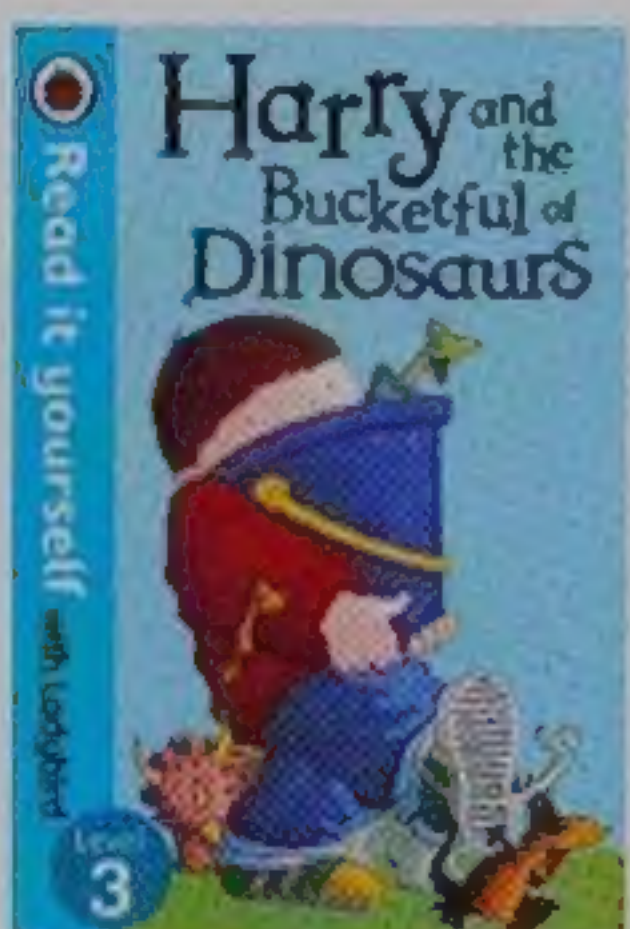
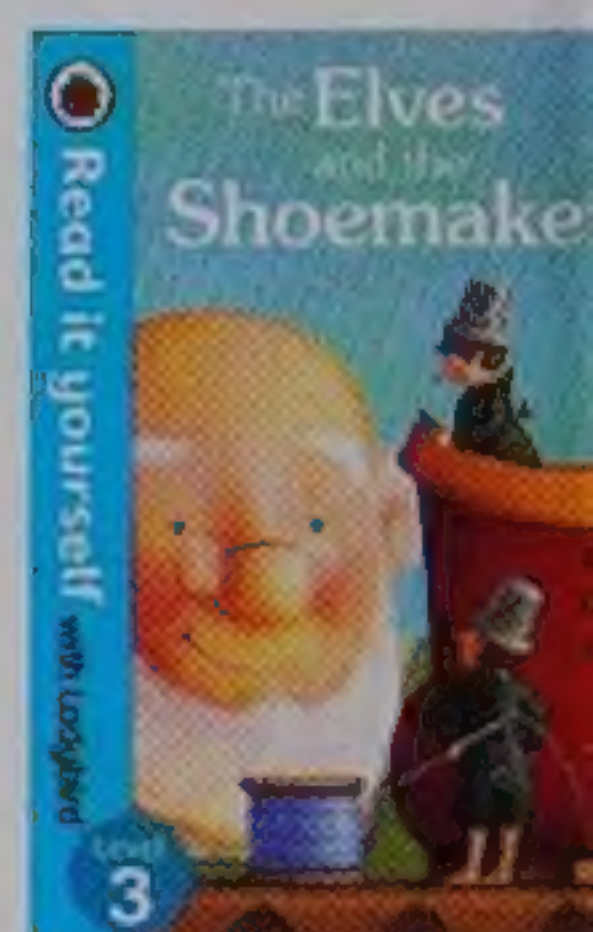
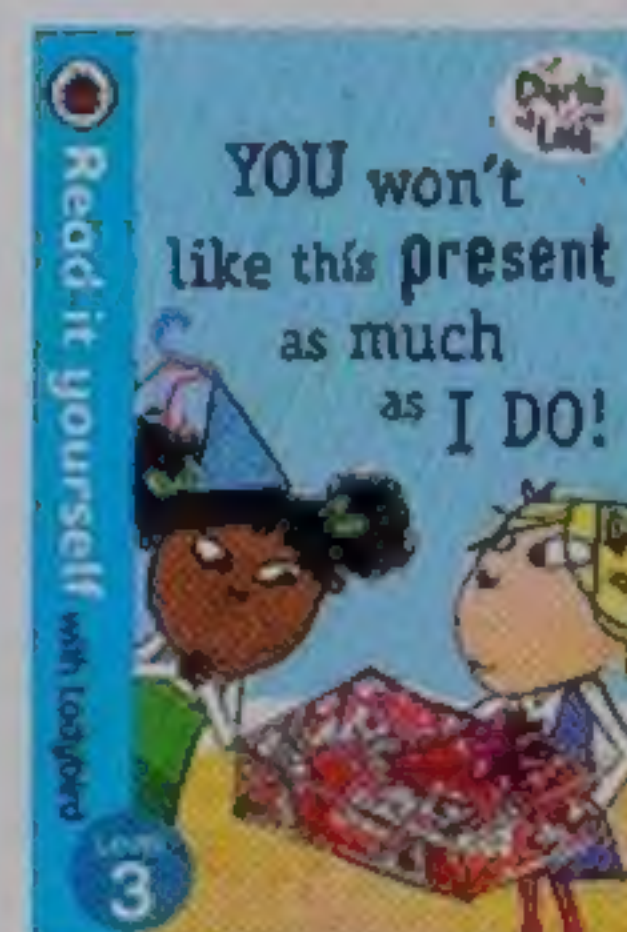
For beginner readers who can read short, simple sentences with help.

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For more confident readers who can read simple stories with help.

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Jemima Puddle-duck goes to the woods to lay some eggs, but a gentleman fox has other plans for her!

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For beginner readers who can read short, simple sentences with help.

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**2**

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